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B. STATE 129340, 2 JULY 73

C. NATO DOCUMENT AC/4-DS/906

BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS SUBJECT CONSIDERED IN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ON JULY 10, 1973. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON SIZE OF NEXT SLICE GROUP AND ON WHETHER SLICE XXV SHOULD BE PART OF PRESENT SLICE GROUP OR NEXT SLICE GROUP. END SUMMARY.

1. REF A REQUESTS REPORT AFTER EACH MEETING IN WHICH THIS SUBJECT IS CONSIDERED.

2. CIRCULATED WERE QTE OFFICIAL, SEMI-OFFICIAL, AND UN-OFFICIAL POSITIONS UNQTE WHICH SERVED AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT. BELGIUM, DENMARK, GREECE, ITALY, NORWAY AND THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN ABLE TO GIVE THEIR PRELIMINARY POSITIONS IN WRITING, AS WAS UNITED KINGDOM ON SLICE XXV ONLY. VIEWS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CANADA, GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, TURKEY AND CONFIDENTIAL

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THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE EXPRESSED IN DISCUSSION. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO ANNEXES TO REF C.

3. REGARDING SLICE XXV, ALL OF THESE COUNTRIES EXCEPT THE

UNITED KINGDOM FAVOR SLICE XXV WITHIN THE PRESENT SLICE GROUP AT QTE NORMAL SIZE UNQTE, RECOGNIZING THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS WOULD THEN BE NECESSARY FOR PRESENT SLICE GROUP. NORMAL SIZE WAS GENERALLY CONSIDERED AT ABOUT IAU 50 MILLION EXCLUSIVE OF CONTINGENCIES. WHILE THE UK AGREES TO A NORMAL SIZE SLICE XXV, QTE THE UK CANNOT, HOWEVER, AGREE THAT THIS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CURRENT SLICE GROUP. THIS WOULD BE BUDGETARILY UNACCEPTABLE . . . WHILE SLICE XXV SHOULD REMAIN PART OF THE CURRENT FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM, THE FUNDS FOR IT SHOULD COME FROM WHATEVER TOTAL FUNDS ARE AGREED FOR THE NEXT SLICE GROUP UNQTE. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION, THE UK REP SAID, QTE BEGINNING A NEW SLICE GROUP WITH SLICE XXV IS LITTLE DIFFERENT, BUDGETARILY, FROM INCREASING THE FUNDS FOR THE CURRENT SLICE GROUP UNQTE. AT THIS POINT, THE US REP DREW ON REF B, ADVISING THAT, QTE IF SLICE XXV IS FUNDED WITHIN CEILING TO BE SET FOR THE NEXT COST-SHARING PERIOD, WE EXPECT TO PAY THE US COST SHARE APPLICABLE TO THAT PERIOD UNQTE.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE SIZE OF THE NEXT SLICE GROUP, THE RANGE EXPRESSED WAS FROM IAU 250 MILLION PLUS AN EDIP (NO MAGNITUDE INDICATED) TO IAU 600 MILLION EXCLUSIVE OF AN EDIP. VARIOUS COMBINATIONS WERE MENTIONED, BUT CLEARLY UNOFFICIAL AT THIS TIME. REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME COUNTRIES EXPRESSED FOLLOWING MAGNITUDES: BELGIUM, IAU 300 MILLION; CANADA, IAU 300-350 MILLION; DENMARK, IAU 250-300 MILLION AND CONSIDER A NEW EDIP; GERMANY, INCREASE PRESENT CEILING TO A YET-TO-BE-SUGGESTED MAGNITUDE THAT MIGHT NOT BE COMPLEMENTED BY ANOTHER EDIP; GREECE, ALL PRIORITY A PROJECTS (IAU 583 MILLION); ITALY, IAU 300-350 MILLION AND POSSIBLE EDIP CONSIDERATION; NETHERLANDS, IAU 250 MILLION AND POSSIBLY IAU 150 MILLION EDIP; NORWAY, IAU 250-300 MILLION AND AN EDIP. OTHER COUNTRIES DID NOT GIVE VIEWS ON SIZE.

5. SEVERAL COUNTRIES INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR MIX OF EDIP AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS TO SATISFY US REQUIREMENT ON MAINTENANCE OF TOTAL SHARE AT 18-20 PCT WHILE LEAVING INFRASTRUCTURE PERCENTAGES AT PRESENT LEVEL FOR THEIR INTERNAL POLITICAL CONFIDENTIAL

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REASONS. US REP CAUTIONED THAT US PREFERRED A SINGLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WITH A LOWER US COST SHARE BUT, IF DECISION SHOULD FAVOR A MIX, THE EDIP PORTION WOULD HAVE TO BE AT LEAST 50 PCT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PORTION IN ORDER TO MEET US CONDITION. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT EDIP MATTER SHOULD BE REFERRED TO EURO REPS FOR RECOMMENDATION.

6. WHILE SEVERAL NATIONS INDICATED THAT THEIR POSITIONS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL MID-AUGUST, CHAIRMAN NEVERTHELESS INSISTED THAT SUBJECT BE DISCUSSED AGAIN ON JULY 24 TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM MOMENTUM DURING SUMMER RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 4, 1973.

7. PROPOSED POSITION TO BE TAKEN AT NEXT MEETING IS

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